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SUBJECT: MEDIA REPORT CAMPAIGN AGAINST TERROR; HARARE

[11.](#) MAINSTREAM NEWSPAPERS CONTINUE TO RUN OPINION PIECES  
FOCUSING ON THE WAR AGAINST TERROR. EXCERPTS FOLLOW:

[12.](#) UNDER HEADLINE "NEW FACE OF TERRORISM TARGETS  
EVERYBODY," THE NOVEMBER 4 EDITION OF THE  
GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED WEEKLY "THE SUNDAY MAIL" CARRIED  
THE FOLLOWING PIECE BY ITS U.S.-BASED CORRESPONDENT  
TENDAYI KUMBULA:

"...THE NEW FACE OF TERRORISM TARGETS EVERYBODY. THE  
SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS. . .DID NOT SELECT VICTIMS ON THE  
BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, ETHNICITY, CREED, RELIGION,  
RESIDENCE OR ECONOMIC CLASS. ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAD  
HAPPENED TO BE ON THE FOUR HIJACKED PLANES OR THE  
BUILDINGS THAT THE PLANES CRASHED INTO WERE FAIR GAME  
AND TARGETS. TODAY THE REALIZATION THAT TERRORISM IS  
NOT A GAME AND IS NOT A HOLLYWOOD CREATION HAS HIT HOME.  
THERE IS NO PANIC YET. BUT AMERICANS ARE CONCERNED,  
CONFUSED AND SCARED. . . FOR THE FIRST TIME, AMERICANS  
ARE DEALING WITH SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THAT THE REST OF  
THE WORLD HAS FACED OVER THE YEARS. IT IS NOT A  
COMFORTABLE OR COMFORTING SITUATION TO BE IN, ESPECIALLY  
SINCE THIS IS A BATTLE WITH NO CLEARLY DEFINED  
PARAMETERS OR RULES OF BEHAVIOR. . . ."

[13.](#) UNDER HEADLINE "GLOBAL TENSIONS OVER AFGHANISTAN  
THREATEN WORLD WAR," THE SAME NEWSPAPER CARRIED THE  
FOLLOWING OPINION PIECE BY ITS REGULAR COLUMNIST  
TAFATAONA MAHOSO:

"THE UNITED NATIONS IS IGNORING IMPORTANT WARNINGS FROM  
ISRAEL, INDIA, SYRIA, SAUDI ARABIA, IRAN AND IRAQ ABOUT  
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THE WAY THE SO-CALLED WAR AGAINST TERROR IS BEING  
CONDUCTED. IT IS UNUSUAL FOR SAUDI ARABIA TO CONTRADICT  
THE U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. THEREFORE SAUDI FEARS AND  
DOUBTS INDICATE A PERCEPTION OF REAL DANGER. . . THE  
ANGLO-AMERICAN RESPONSE TO ATTACKS ON NEW YORK AND  
WASHINGTON ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2001 IS CONTRARY TO THE  
LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE BEIJING DECLARATION. . . THE  
U.S. AND ITS ALLIES ARE ONCE MORE TARGETING ENTIRE  
CITIES AND VILLAGES IN PURSUIT OF THEIR OWN QUARREL WITH  
AN INDIVIDUAL PERSON AND ORGANIZATION WHO AT ONE TIME  
ACTUALLY SERVED AS AN INSTRUMENT OF U.S. FOREIGN  
POLICY. . . THE STRENGTH OF SAUDI OBJECTIONS TO ANGLO-  
AMERICAN PREPARATIONS FOR WAR SUGGESTS THAT THE SAUDIS  
KNOW THAT THE OBJECTIVE IS MUCH WIDER AND MORE  
INDEFINITE THAN A 'STRIKE AGAINST TERROR.'"

[14.](#) MEANWHILE THE NOVEMBER 2 EDITION OF THE  
GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED DAILY "THE HERALD" CARRIED AN  
OP-ED BY AMBASSADOR JOSEPH SULLIVAN UNDER HEADLINE "ALL  
PEOPLE VULNERABLE TO TERROR." THIS IS THE THIRD  
PROMINENT PLACEMENT FOLLOWING PRIOR PUBLICATIONS IN THE  
NOVEMBER 1 EDITIONS OF THE PRIVATELY-OWNED "THE DAILY

NEWS" AND THE INDEPENDENT WEEKLY "THE FINANCIAL  
GAZETTE."

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